

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/642,533	LUO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sherali Ishrat	2624	

All Participants:

(1) Sherali Ishrat.

(2) Robert Luke Walker.

Status of Application: _____

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Date of Interview: 2 January 2007

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Previous action

Claims discussed:

91, 106, 121, 157 and 164

Prior art documents discussed:

Luo et al. (US 6,504,951)

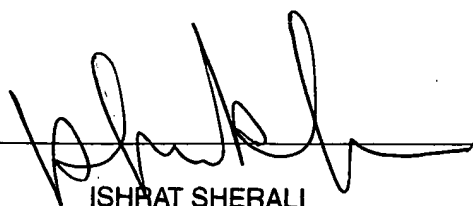
Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



ISHRAT SHERALI
 PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner informed Applicant's Attorney that based on the persuasive arguments, Examiner is withdrawing election requirement. However to place the application in condition for allowance first Applicant need to overcome rejection under 35 USC 112 second paragraph by stating in the preamble of independent claims 91, 106, and 121 computer implemented method. Furthermore in order to overcome the rejection insert in the preamble of claims 91, 106, 121, 157 and 164 image pixels of a main object and a background and insert in independent claims 91, 106, 157 and 164, limitation of claim 93. Reasons for allowance of independent claims 91, 106, 157 and 164 is computer implemented method for modifying an image or digital image modification, in which an image having pixels of a main subject and a background, segmenting image into plurality of regions, generating a plurality of belief values each belief value being associated with one of the plurality of regions of image, belief values each being related to the probability that associated region is main subject of the image and then altering pixel values of image to emphasize main subject and reasons for allowance of claim 121 is a method of modifying an image having a main subject pixels and a background, generating one or more belief values each belief value being associated with one of the plurality of regions of an image, each belief value being related to the probability that the associated region is a main subject and following generating automatically altering in plurality of image of image regions in accordance with belief values. Prior art of record does not disclose combination of above limitations. Examiner also advised the Applicant's Attorney to delete without manual intervention because computer implemented is inserted. Applicant's Attorney agreed to make changes to claims by an examiner's amendment.